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Editorials

THE HOLY NAME RALLY

It is sincerely to be hoped that the gathering Elmira next Sunday will be extraordinarily well attended. The gatherings that have been held in Rochester were mammoth demonstrations of falts and purpose and there is no reason not to expect the coming one in Elmira to be the same Next to Rochester, Elmira is the biggest

city in the diocesse. It has long been known for its progressive sparit and for the staunch faith of Catholics. Its Catholic citizens have not lagged behind anyone in the furtherance of Catholic Action, as will become evident to those who will visit Elmira for the first time Sunday, as well as to those who have not had the opportunity to witsees what Elmira can do in the way of promoting and furthering Catholicity. It is altogether fitting, then, as a tribute to the Catholics of Elmira and as an editying example to other parts of the dio-

The Holy Name Society in the diocese deerves great praise for the work it has done and Its first sim being reverence for the which of God and promoting reverence for the Holy Name, and then the reception of the Sacraminimate its total purpose, is, first of all, spiritual.

But spirituality carnot be confined entirely to me soul, where is bossed to be an external manifestation of some kind or other. The external effect and manifestation of the Holy Name Society in the aggregate is that of good, practical Catholicity. If the Non-Catholic wishes to know what is meant by being a practical Catholic, he need only be during the special Holy Name merriller. There is a second of convection emanating from the ordinary member that almost amounts to inspiration: man wears the emblem of the society, we may be certains that he is air honest man, that, he is the father of a family, his children are being reared in the best of Catholic traditions, that he is promoting the cause of the Church in his parish and that he is exercising the lay apostolate in a very effective, if quiet and unobtrustive, man-ner, in plain words, the Holy Name-man is what-the Church points to with pride as the ideal Cath-

It is not necessary to have railies to carry on the work of the Holy Name. But it is very useful. The Holy Name Society undertakes more than the ordinary duties of Catholicity. And it is fitting that it make more than the ordinary prome of faith. The rally Sunday evening will be an extraordinary manifestation and profession of faith. It will be an extraordinary profession of piety. After all the mass demonstrations. of other causes, at will certainly be an edifying and inspiring spectacle to behold men united in one gathering to show their strength in numbers and their sincerity of conviction in a good cause, the work of God....

Let us hope that every Catholic man in the docese, who can, will be in Elmira Sunday evening for the wonderful demonstration.

QUO VADIS, CATHOLIC YOUTH?

Another Commencement season hurls toward the graduates of our Catholic colleges and universities a challenge that must be met. It is not a threst of memployment, but one of employment which it is their duty as well as privilege to ful-IN It is the challenge of Catholic Action!

One of the most vital and effective phases of the endeavor is that movement known as the Canada Evidence Guids. This work of the Canada Lay Acceptonic has been begun in caracter this county, but its strides of accomplishment depend upon the interest and zeal manifestthe the cause by the Catholic youth. Sad-to re-Be sech interest and enthusiasm has been slow.

Why do our young men and women descend teps of their Aims Maters only to be whirled the crowds of life never to be heard from Can it be that they are ignorant of the tas that stretch before them in this their laxity due to thoughtlessness?

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sion that has been around among the students by these Catholic Evidence lectures.

But another result that is equally important is the poise, self-confidence and assurance that these youthful Apostles attain for themselves. Their reward is two-fold. They are gaining treasures in the Kingdom of Eternity and at the same time they are improving their own temporal wel-

Catholic graduates, are you going to overlook this opportunity? Are you content to shirk a duty and turn down a privilege?

A STATE OF FERMENTATION

One thing that is outstanding and evident to all observers is the great social unrest all over the world. If this has not been too evident, it becomes strikingly more so every day, especially in our own country. The increasing number of strikes all over the country tell us in no uncertain way that a change is underway. There has been much violence in some communities, which is very regrettable.

It would have been thought that with the government projects in operation and production set in operation once more, that American society would have subsided to normal. But great changes in the social structure can hardly take place without a struggle. And it is quite certain, that we are emerging from an older social order. The capitalistic system may be going entirely, though it is not clear that the majority of people desire its abolishment. There is no doubt, either, that communism is on the increase; and it is equally certain that the vast majority of people do not advocate this system, either. But in all the labor disputes, it is quite clear that there are elements of communism and also elements of extreme capitalism entering in which becloud the real issue. The ordinary man and woman involved in these strikes is not a communist and does not want communism to supplant capitalism. However, they do want a modification of the capitalistic system to the extent that capitalism must recognize certain inborn human rights. And the principal rights they desire are the recognition of a living wage and the principle of organized labor representation; entirely free from coercion.

Some find fault with the striking workers for dissatisfaction. They feel that they should have been contented to earn something after so many months of unemployment and suffering, and that striking is an act of ingratitude. Possibly it is. But does it not seem that long suffering and want have steeled the majority of people to such a temper that they will willingly suffer more in order not to allow a return of conditions that brought on the depression? In other words, the struggle against inequality and social injustice has come to a ferment. It is hard to specify just what are the rights of labor and what are the rights of capital. But if all concerned will keep their fleads in the struggle, the injustices of both communism and extreme capitalism will be avoided, and'a new social order will emerge guaranteeing justice to all.

Once more it is well to call attention to the Holy Father's encyclical on The Reconstruction of the Social Order. If Catholics would study this more and make it better known among their non-Catholic fellow-citizens, many of the cures for present day ills would be better known, and we hope, put into practice. A lot of the healing of wounds depends upon the cure used. The cures for the social ills of the day are suggested and offered in this great encyclical.

In the meantime, there is no need to be too pessimistic over the labor troubles, for they are symptoms of a crisis which will subside into a better and healthy condition if the proper remedy is

Current Comment

JUST ANOTHER THOUGHT

Apropos of the crusade for decency in moving pictures, we hazard the intrusion of the vitiated moral atmosphere of Cinematopia into consideration as an additional motive for the much needed reform of the entire silver screen business. As "The Observer" points out in a recent issue of "The Telegraph," the greatest, most deplorable and most extensive evil of immoral pictures is wrought among children and adolescents; but let us not delude ourselves with the notion that the mature escape unscathed. The passions do not become dormant when men and women reach the voting age; nor is maturity ever immune from temptation in the presence of lustful scenes or in the hearing of salacious conversation.—Catholic Telegraph, Cincinnati.

CHURCH CANNOT YIELD

The bishops of Germany are doubtless prepared to allow the present rulers to demand a suitable training for the children of the Fatherland. They will see to it that everything reasonable will be provided. The Catholic schools will be second to none in turning out good citizens.

But the bishops will not, for they cannot, neglect the training that prepares citizens for the world to come. The children are born to serve God and save their souls. They are not born to make Germany supreme among the nations of the earth. The struggle promises to be a fierce one. The Church cannot yield. The Nazi can. Will they?—Hartford Transcript.

"If ever cool heads and steady hands were needed at the helm of Ships of State and in the public forum which Universities provide, it is at the present hour . . . I'do not suggest that we have or ever did have a mandate to make the world safe for Democracy. Woodrow Wilson inverted the order of nature. He should first universities and colleges of the land, as never before, are on notice that they will be expected to meet the test by furnishing responsible information, temperate judgments and impartial scholarship. The time has come to devote more attention to the production of leaders than to leadership in production "- Rev. Edurand A. Walsh,

In kindless there is strength. It is not as many suppose, a sign of weakness, It is a mark of that strength which is truest and best. The Brooklyn Tablet.

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Statesmen are people who brilliamly un-tangle messes that wouldn't exist if there were sentenced. Nortolk Virginia-Pale.

Diocesan Recordings

Holy Name men stand forth and be counted, Sunday, June 17, in

To the graduates of Catholic grammar and high schools, we say: "What Now Little Man or Little training under the beneficent in-Woman?" Will you cut short your fluence of Catholic teaching or will you go on? Parents should think first of character, second of social position.

A news item in last week's issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER announcing that through the generosity of citizens of Phoenix, Arisons, the threatened closing of Brophy High School would not take place was read with interest by one of our readers who sends us a further account of the saving of the high school which appeared in a Phoenix newspaper.

The school which is the only Catholic boys boarding school in the state and is operated by the Jesuit Fathers was to have been closed for lack of funds to carry on. Announcement of the continuation of the school came at the annual commencement exercises when Frank Brophy, chairman of the committee working on the school's financial problems, electrified a large audience gathered for what was believed to be the final graduation ceremony of the high school with the statement that the school will not close. Mr. Brophy is the son of Mrs. William H. Brophy through whose munificence the school plant was built.

All who have the cause of Catholic education at heart will read with interest the following reported from the baccalaureate sermon of the Rev. Gerald D. Flynn, S.J., vice president of the school who said: "Brophy high school realizes her position in modern education as

but an instrument in your intellec-

tual and moral development. "She has but one vital message that she wishes everyone of her pupils to carry away deeply imbued in mind and heart. It is that ideal in their after life that inspired Mrs. Brophy and the Jesuits to throw open the doors of this school to you fidelity to principles of Christ in private and public life."

The announcement of the closing of the school came a week prior to commencement. That the citizens of Phoenix appreciate the generous offer made to continue the institution is expressed in an editorial in the Phoenix newspaper in part as follows:

"It is good news that Brophy High school will not be closed. If it had it would probably never have been reopened, he the Jesuits since it is the apparent policy of that order, notwithstanding its persistence and patience in pursuing its ends, not to return to the scene of's definite failure.

But Brophy school will never be a failure, and the munificence of Mrs. William H. Brophy in providing that magnificent plant not be wasted. The value of the school will be more and more appreciated."

More and more citizens of a community are realizing the incalculable value of Catholic schools. The Phoenix incident may be far away but the depression has caused a strain on school financing everywhere, and the efforts of those people out there is worthy of men-

Now that school time is drawing to a close greater responsibility rests upon parents to guide the children's free time. During the school year priests and sisters have boys and girls under their guidance during the school hours. Thoughtful care and interest are taken in the children not only to teach them those things which develop the material life but also to inculcate a real spiritual background. For two months now the children will be at home. Of course, Camp Stella Maris and Camp Madonna will aid during part of that time, but outside of the Catholic camps, the parents must exert themselves to keep alive the spiritual training given and to guard the children against influences that weaken character. For those parents really interested the Encyclical on Christian Education of Pope Plus will point out for them the preeminent place of parents and the home in the education of children.

"Columbia" national magazine of the Knights of Columbus is running a series of "Knights in the News" that is revealing. Members of the Order include Governors, Judges, Officials and others prominent in national and state affairs. Upon these men rests a great reexample at all times. They are being recorded as exemplary Catholic laymen and must se conduct themselves. The same is true in all communities. Not only must prominent laymen offer good examples, but they must be Catholic leaders as well as leading Catholics.

Non-Catholics watch with interest to see how many Cathelics at summer resorts miss. Mass when there is no need for duling sev

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A "Commonweal" correspondent. recently answered the question, "Is the practise of prayer increasing today?" with a decided "No". He says: "About the only time that really fervent prayer is resorted to by the great majority is when some material boon is sadly needed; it is usually for that reason that novemes are popular ... Note the comparative few who attend Benediction and devotions even during the month of Our Lady."

. . . I think it is easy to take a too diamal view of the case. Of course, the lackadaisical, take-itfor-granted disposition of many Catholics is a most unpleasant fact to explain, even to oneself. There is no sense in playing the ostrich: refusing to face facts does not make them disappear. And yet are those of us wrong who detect in certain spiritual trends of the day an increase not only in the practise, but-what is more important -in the spirit of prayer? The intelligent and widespread use of the Missal by the layfolk, the Sodality's magnificent effort at instruction in the Liturgy, the preference of many study-clubs for discussion on such topics as the Mass, and methods of prayer, -all these, and other factors like these, encourage the hope that the spirit and practise of prayer are daily becoming more and more the witnesses of a "second spring".

The correspondent above quoted says further that "to the great mass of Catholics, mysticism is practically unknown. They consider mysticism all right for pricate and religious, but Let us be practical is their attitude" . . . He is right, but there is reason to hope that we are stripping off the hard crust of mercantile and Rotarian complacency which has for so long overlaid our Christianity. More people than we suppose are keenly interested in the doctrine of the supernatural life.

Remarding the second-line Catholics, Mr. Arnold Lunn has this to say in a book written while he was still a non-Catholic:

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"The Catholic Church realizes that she cannot afford to be too exclusive. In the course of nineteen centuries showhas made at least one great discovery: she has learnt that sinners sometimes sin And as a result Catholicism is more successful than Protestantism in retaining the affectionate loyalty of the erring . . . The half-Christian is

indeed, a very useful member of society, and so long as he contimues to form the backbone of a state, Christian ethics will not be challenged. Sinners will continue to sin, but they will, at least, have the decency to refrain from preaching what they practise-a much more serious offence than failing to practise what they preach. Lip-service to Christian ideals is better than no service; . . . respect for the Christian code of morality is better than official contempt. Czarist Russia, which was officially Christian, was less corrupt, Iess immoral, and infinitely less degraded than Bolshevist Russia which is officially Of course, this is meant as no

sop to indifference or religious carelessness: but at least it may help us understand the possible place in the divine scheme of things for the incorrigible once-a-year communicants, horizontally-kneeling worshippers, and near-the-door standees, to say nothing of the Catholic whose life of sin gives the lie to his religious profession.

"Truth is as far removed from broadmindedness as it is from natrowmindedness . . . A mind is not true because it is broad or narrow, or even medium, but because it faithfully represents objective reality which in its turn is the mirror of the Divine Intelligence. A broad or a narrow mind. like a badly focussed lens, must inevitably distort reality and so fail to find truth.

-Quoted from the English "Blackfriari".

If you wish to read a masterpiece of subtle but simple rebuttal, look over Father Gillia's editorial in the June "Catholic World". In it he "scorches" Mr. Mencken's latest excursion into philosophy, "Treatise on Right and Wrong'. You may always find the current issue of the Catholic World" on the reading table of the Catholic Evidence Library.

In a new book, "Restoration". written by a convert history profeasor of New York University and published by Sheed and Ward in New York City, the author, Mer-Ross Reffman, quotes with ap-proval the following passage from Mr. A. E. Taylor's "Recent Developments in European Thought". It is worth serious examination. especially by those who have succumbed to the prevailing heresy that the new is true and the old is

"If philosophy is ever to execute her supreme task, she will need to take into more serious account, not only the work of the exact sciences, but the teachings of the great masters of life. . .
If we are to be philosophers in carnest, we cannot afford to have any path which may lead to the heart of life's mystery blocked off for us by placards bearing the labels "reactionary," 'unmodern, and their likes. That what is moderns must be best is a superstition which it is strange to find in a really educated man. A philosopher at any rate should be able to endrive the charge of being 'unmodern' with fortitude . . In short, if we mean to be philosophical, our main concern will be that our beliefs should be true; we shall care very little whether they happen to be popular with the intellectual proletarians" of the moment, and if we

Spiritual Thoughts

can get back to truth we shall not

mind having to go back a long

"The Lord is our advocate and prays for us."

"The Spirit helps the infirmities of our prayers."

Catholic Tradition is everlasting movement.-Lippert.

Conscience is the organ of the Good.—Guardini.

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